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It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant Rogers's request is GRANTED. Counsel for Defendant Rogers is excused from attending the March 10, 2021 conference.

**VIA ECF**

SO ORDERED.

Date: March 8, 2021  
New York, New York

  
JOHN P. CRONAN  
United States District Judge

Re: *AL Thani v. Hanke, et al.*, No. 20 Civ. 4765 (JPC)

Dear Judge Cronan:

I am lead trial counsel for Defendant S. Mills Rogers, III. I am writing to respectfully request leave to be excused from the conference the Court just scheduled for Wednesday morning. I have a pre-existing obligation on Wednesday morning to meet with a non-party, out-of-town witness and out-of-town counsel in my office in Manhattan. Morgan Manley, an associate in our office who has appeared in this case, will be available to attend the conference in my absence. I do not expect there to be any issues directly impacting Mr. Rogers. The Court may recall that discovery is stayed as to him pending determination of his motion to dismiss. If the Court denies that request, I respectfully request that the conference be adjourned.

I informed the other attorneys and *pro se* parties about my intent to make this application. Plaintiff's counsel agrees that the conference does not directly impact Mr. Rogers and thus does not oppose the request that Ms. Manley appear in my stead. Plaintiff, however, opposes an adjournment. None of the defendants responded to my email.

Respectfully yours,



John G. McCarthy

cc: All counsel and *pro se* parties of record  
(via ECF only)